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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>			<b>After Final Rejection</b>	
Application No. 10/782,981	Filing Date February 20, 2004	Examiner B. E. Pellegrino	Group Art Unit 3738	
Applicant(s): Rafail Zubok, Michael W. Dudasik, and Joseph P. Errico			Docket No. SPINE 3.0-437	

Invention: **WEDGE RAMP DISTRACTOR AND RELATED METHODS FOR USE IN IMPLANTING ARTIFICIAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS**

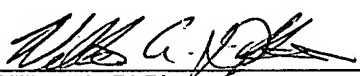
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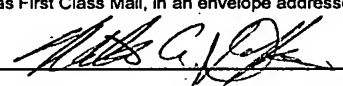
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